

## Huntley Parents Council Meeting

Oct. 19, 2011

**Attendance:** Stephanie K, Dianne B, Tracey Brown, Cindy, Tanja Puchala, Tracy F, Louise,

Jo McGillivray, Diana M, Kim Simpson

**Agenda:** approved

**Previous Minutes:** approved by Louise & Dianne

### **Principals Report:**

EQAO tests are back- they were a little disappointing but the marks were somewhat expected. Writing & reading are being combined going forward (have a big literacy focus)

Upcoming PD Day- teachers are helping to organize. Starting day in Arts room with some creative activities then breaking into groups & looking at math & literacy using Ministry videos. In afternoon will group back together as a large group. We will then look at critical thinking & deep questions.

Cindy met with a Board consultant about the future of Huntley. Cindy's focus had been on getting more SMARTBOARDS but was informed there is a backlog on getting them installed. The reason for the backlog is that the board is installing wireless in the schools. The consultants suggested getting the Projectors that attaches to a laptop (costs \$5-600) & are used almost exactly like the SMARTBOARD. There are 6 teachers who would like this option. Another new type of SMARTBOARD costs \$5000 on an easel (so no installation is required). Would like 2 of these.

**Was requested to have councils support of \$ for projectors: \$3000 was asked for. Motion was passed & approved by Stephanie & Louise**

We are also next in line to receive wireless.

Change rooms have been closed to the intermediates as they were being misused. Nonsense was happening & teachers cannot go in due to privacy rules.

Sandpit-the work order is in

Leadership- Great start on this. Sent students to the ME TO WE conference in Toronto. Ms. Graff & Ms. Windsor took 13 Gr7/8. A live feed was done into class for those at school.

Carp Fair fieldtrip went really well & was well received.

Full day Kindergarten- Planning is underway we are being allotted \$230K for the transition to get ready (this will be for more washrooms, cubbies, stations etc)

Internet Safety Course- Nov 30 during the day for students & in evening for parents. Tracey Brown to send out invites & ask for RSVPs.

### **Treasurers Report**

\$25376.64 in bank as of Oct18/11. Lunches for the year need to be paid for.

We made \$135.36 @ the BBQ.

We are giving \$4000 to the Arts programs

We also received \$750 from the HCA to help kids in need in the school with lunches, fieldtrips etc.

We received a donation of a signed hockey stick & tickets to a Sens game, which we will use as a raffle. We will raffle it the night of the Internet Safety Course & Parent Teacher interviews, which are the 17 &18 of November.

Donations are coming in for donation campaign.

**O/A:** Christmas Bazaar-Karen Zander looking after- Cindy to contact her.

Magazines to be going out soon which Jennifer James to look after.

Lunches are ongoing & not many complaints about the mandatory switch to whole-wheat crusts.

Milk has started & gr7 are delivering.

Music Program has 22 students involved.

Meeting Adjourned.